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GMA, FPJ call for calm

Police, military go on full alert, expect the worst

BOTH President Macapagal-Arroyo and Fernando Poe Jr. are appealing for calm. Even so, all police and military units in Metro Manila are on full alert for today's "massive consolidation of forces" aimed at preventing Poe's possible disqualification from the presidential race.

High court to tackle 3 key issues

Is he or isn't he? Citizenship debate heats up

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2 new poll execs reassigned

Comelec still trying to save automation deal

Erap lawyers no-show; plea for knees in peril

FOUR DIGIT
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SUERTRES
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METRO

MEGALOTTO 6/45
6 13 18 25 28 40

2 ABB men get death twice over

Passengers caught in middle of Caloocan drivers' turf war

Provincial buses to hike fare



A DIRTY FUTURE

Move illegal—LTFRB

METROBRIEFS

Suspect nabbed

Rookie cop collared

Reporter charged

Gang leader slain

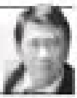
Robber gets out on bail, robs again

Manila's most wanted falls

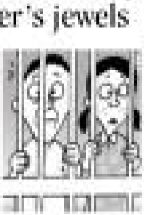
How to deal with an exhibitionist

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo



Helper, guard run away with employer's jewels



12 Pinoys hurt in Iraq attack

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Posters

Full steam ahead

No doors closed

'Military' Cabinet

Fresh faces

Lanao solon, governor survive grenade attack; child killed

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—A grenade lobbed at an assembly of barangay leaders killed a child and wounded at least nine people yesterday in Lanao del Norte, the military said.



DIMAPORO

Rep. Abdullah Dimaporo and his wife, Gov. Imelda Dimaporo called the meeting in Bacolod town to discuss civic projects for the area.

An unidentified assailant hurled the grenade at the stage where the couple was addressing about 1,000 barangay leaders, but it landed on the roof and dropped onto a car before exploding, said Army Lt. Col. Rogelio Villanueva.

The couple, who were several meters from the blast, were unharmed but their driver was among the injured, Villanueva said.

There were no immediate suspects but the military believes the attack could have been related to the May 10 polls where the Dimaporos are running for reelection.

Family feud

Lydon Gillas, the congressman's political affairs, said the attack could have been politically motivated or prompted by a family feud. He did not elaborate.

The campaign for congressional and municipal seats is not allowed before March, but politicians skirt the prohibition by calling meetings, which they call "consultative assemblies."

Violence, including assassination of candidates, during election campaigns is common in the Philippines, particularly in the two Lanao provinces.

About 450,000 candidates are expected to contest more than 32,000 national, congressional and local positions—from the presidency to municipal posts. AP

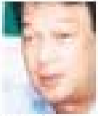
Teachers to get ₱1,000 a day for poll duty

Roco to stay home, won't woo OFWs

SPORTS

POC recognizes Literal-led BAP

Affiliation with Fiba is key–Dayrit



DAYRIT

49th gold elates GMA



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No endorsement

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Good in theory

Best trainers but ...

A bluff?

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EVANGELISTA

Original anchor

Last project

The WORLD

Over 200 killed in Iran train blast



A TV grab taken from Iranian TV shows the train which exploded.

US rebuffs Haiti's call for help

Long-lost US WWII bomber found with human remains

Bird flu death toll reaches 21

WORLDBRIEFS

Democrat race down to 3

Peacekeepers to Ivory Coast

Dengue kills 141 Indons

US bares list of Iraq guerrilla leaders

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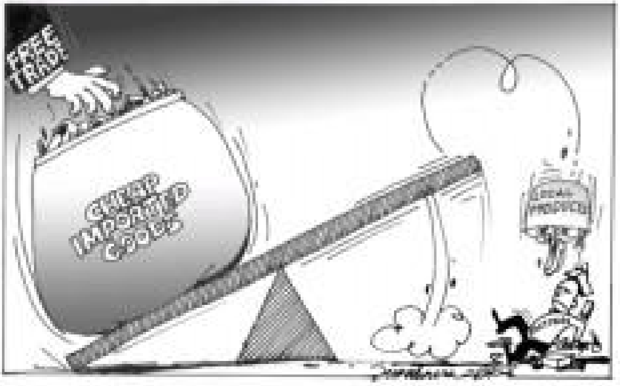
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Plaza Miranda goes cyber

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Juan L. Mercado

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Conrado de Quiros

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Postpone decision until after elections

POLITICAL TIDBITS



Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

Ticket to heaven

YOUNG BLOOD

Anna Rosas

Life on the tracks

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Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

Human

Jon Kevin Uy

Inherent contradictions

THE LONG VIEW



Manuel L. Quezon III

TALK of the TOWN

2004

Bro. Eddie seeks righteous gov't

TALK of the Town is publishing today the stand of presidential candidate Bro. Eddie Villanueva of the Bangon Pilipinas on a number of issues to help voters understand his platform of governance.

The stand of the other presidential candidates will be run in the succeeding issues of this section.

Talk of the Town will now come out twice a week (Thursday and Sunday) for the duration of the election campaign for candidates for national office.

We have asked each presidential candidate to give his or her position on economic, political and social concerns that we listed last Sunday as part of the Inquirer's citizen-based coverage of the national elections.

We will also pin down the vice presidential and senatorial candidates on their views about these concerns and what they plan to do about them.

The positions of the presidential, vice presidential and senatorial candidates on these concerns can be used to monitor whether they will abide by them once elected.

A moral gov't is the country's only salvation



Pacquiao flies to US for Marquez bout

Kobe takes up cudgels as LA nips Portland



Isedeno fires 67, leads caddies' tourney by 2



2 more Pinoy jins make Athens Games

Olympic berths at stake in Asian triathlon tilt

Rosales gets Global boost



49th gold elates . . .

Across the NATION

Top Baguio execs defy order to tear down poll materials



Cops disarm militiamen backing poll candidates

Army says rebs to collect ₱2.5M from C. Visayas bets

Cagayan all set for Our Lady of Piat rites

Party-list group campaigner slain in Mindoro



Marines sent to hunt Pentagon kidnap gang

INQUIRER Southern Luzon

Priests take on love; Sorsogon abuzz



THE SINGING PADRES: (From left) Jun Elegado, Albert Fund, Pio Alcantara, Edo Palay, Alex Jerez and Ramil Ensenia.

WHO says priests can't fall in love? Six priests in the diocese of Sorsogon disagree, setting Sorsogon abuzz on Feb. 7 and sending people in droves to watch them tread where others fear to.

Encouraging reception

Evening of love

History, scandals

He wants to become Mayon's oldest climber

71-year-old says age doesn't matter in his 37th conquest

HE HAD climbed the top of Mount Mayon 36 times during the last 49 years, but there's no stopping 71-year-old Ricardo Dy from another conquest of the 8,000-meter volcano this year.

Love

International explorer

Adventures



DY: The old man of the mountain.

Legacy



ONE of Dy's sons (right) climbs Mayon with Swiss climbers.

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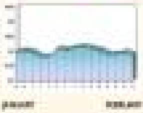
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BSP sees peso recovery starting April

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Stocks end up

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Sy family makes cover of Time



CalPERS defers divestment from RP

Gov't to guarantee Napocor loans



Bulling point

BREAKTIME

Conrado R. Banal III





ODA disbursement up 39%

By Michelle V. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT'S disbursement of official development assistance (ODA) last year increased by 38.0 percent from year-ago level, indicating an improvement in the level of efficiency in the utilization of ODAs.

The National Economic and Development Authority (Neda) reported yesterday that ODA disbursement last year reached $1.438 billion, compared with the $1.035 billion disbursement in 2002.

"The last time the government came close to this performance level was in 1996, when disbursements reached $1.19 billion," said Neda Director General Romulo Neri.

Of the total ODA disbursement last year, the government was able to utilize $1.1 billion worth of project loans, or 14 percent higher than the $935 million used in 2002. It also disbursed $338 million worth of program loans, which was higher than the $100 million used in 2002.

Neri, who is also the economic planning secretary, said the improvement in the disbursement of program loans was partly attributed to the "substantial compliance" of the government with the requirements of ODA-funded reform-oriented projects.

He was referring to the Metro Manila Air Quality Improvement program and the Subic Bay Environmental Management Program and Rehabilitation Sector Program. The former was financed by loans from the Asian Development Bank and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation, while the latter was financed by the ADB alone.

The Neda report said project loans from JBIC accounted for [illegible] percent of the total ODA disbursement last year. JBIC is the country's biggest source of ODA.

100 GASOLINE STATIONS

PTT to invest ₱2B-₱3B in RP

Heinz UFC exec named ABS-CBN president



LUIS ALEJANDRO



BSP to push merger of ATM groups

BSP gets grant to implement key reforms

Breaktime

Business

Disclosures

SM Prime unit, Megaworld buy BCDA assets

PLDT net profit seen exceeding '03 goal of ₱10B

Heinz UFC exec . . .

Sunday LifeStyle

Editor: Chelo Banal-Formoso





PAA (grilled chicken ...) and Chicharon ... (crispy chicken skin)

Two more places to enjoy Ilonggo food



A FAVORITE Bacolod Chicken Inasal meal—grilled chicken breast served with garlic rice with a special dipping sauce of vinegar, toyo, calamansi and oil

BACOLOD Chicken Inasal (BCI) has opened its seventh and eighth branches at Level 1 of Glorietta 4 and the third level of Eastwood Cybermall.

The food chain offers authentic inasal. Chicken pieces like pecho (chicken breast) or paa (chicken thigh) are marinated in a special sauce and grilled.

Other dishes available at BCI are Pancit Efuven—fried noodles with chopsuey-like sauce, ... which gives a ... to the popular dish, ... Lumpia Ubod, ... Chicken, ... Belly ..., ... Lumpia, ... Soup or ..., a ... of beans and pork popular among Ilonggos, among others.

Appetizers include Chicharon (crispy chicken skin), Ilonggo Ensalada, Grilled Eggplant Salad with diced tomatoes and onions in coconut vinegar dressing, Garlic Mushrooms.

The food chain serves merienda like Lumpia Ubod, ... and ... Pinipig, ... Tsokolate.

BCI also has branches on Jupiter Street, Makati, Greenhills Shopping Complex, Edsa Central in Mandaluyong, Quezon Memorial Circle, SM City, Sta. Mesa, and Robinsons Place Manila.





GREAT with chicken inasal—Pancit Efuven, fried noodles with chopsuey-like sauce







EGGPLANT Salad, Ilonggo Ensalada and ... are ideal companions to inasal and grilled seafood

NAPIT GID! ... and Crispy Chicharon dipped in special ...

Private hospitals overpricing medicines?

THE CONSUMER



One patient paid 50 percent more for medical supplies

Pesky messengers

Feedback

On spam and cyberfraud



Buffet of tempting Italian treats

DINING OUT





1 TO make grated ube, mix together in a bowl ube, butter, fresh cream and sugar and cook in low heat until sticky. Let it cool for a while.



2 SCOOP grated ube and make a ball in the palm of your hand.



3 FLATTEN the ball. Add chopped langka.



4 CLOSE and roll into a ball again.



5 PLACE ube in the center of the lumpia wrapper. Fold up the wrapper and crumple to form a shape resembling a pouch. Repeat with the other wrappers.



6 TIE with banana leaf.



7 DEEP fry lumpiang ube, dipping the top part first.



8 DIP the bottom part.

Jazzed up 'halayang ube'



PIYONG Ube at Langka na may Mango Sauce

Text by Vangie Baga-Reyes
Photo by Roger Carpio

IN the mood for something sweet and elegant? Filipinos have a broad range of delightful desserts that can satisfy any person with a sweet tooth. Most are quick and easy to make and really delicious.

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Step by step

Ingredients

[illegible]



9 ARRANGE nicely on a platter with mango sauce.

'Fighting neighbors' in your ref

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Fish classics for meatless Friday

By Dorothy MJ Ferreria

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Paella de Mariscos

[illegible]

Creamy Hot Fish Salad

[illegible]

Pan-grilled Fish Steaks a la Pobre

[illegible]

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
MONDAY	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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